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SUBJ: ARTICLE XVI-DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT
(SALT TWO - 1363)

1. SOVIETS HAVE FORMALLY PROPOSED TO DROP REFERENCE T
"CURRENT TESTING PRACTICES" IN ARTICLE XVI.3. THEY HAVE
INFORMALLY OFFERED TO DROP FROM AGREED STATEMENT TO
XVI.3 THE WORD "SPECIAL" BEFORE MEASURES AND THE PHRASE
"INCLUDING PROVISIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING" IF THE
US WILL DROP PHRASE "INCLUDING MEASURES ASSOCIATED
WITH TESTING." THEY HAVE PROPOSED SEPARATE AGREED
STATEMENT ON TELEMETRY. SIDES IN DRAFTING GROUP HAVE
AGREED ON SEPARATE AGREED STATEMENT ON EXCLUSION FOR
PENAIID TESTING.

2. IN ACCORDINACE WITH CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS (STATE
160452) IN RESPONSE TO DELEGATION RECOMMENDATION
(SALT TWO 1239), DELEGATION PLANS TO ESTABLISH FURTHER
ON RECORD THAT PROHIBITED MEASURES INCLUDE MEASURES
ASSOCIATED WITH TESTING AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO DROP PHRASE
IN RETURN FOR SOVIET DROPPING OF REFERENCES TO TESTING
IN BOTH PARAGRAPH 3 AND AGREED STATEMENT AND DROPPING
WORD "SPECIAL". SIDES WOULD THEN BE IN ACCORD ON AGREED
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STATEMENT, WITH TELEMETRY QUESTION IN SEPARATE
AGREED STATEMENT (BACKETED BY US) AND PENAIID TESTING
IN ANOTHER SEPARATE AGREED STATEMENT.

3. WITH SATISFACTORY AGREED STATEMENT, US IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ITS FOOTNOTE TO XVI.3 COULD ACCEPT FIRST AND SECOND
SENTENCES OF XVI.3, SINCE SOVIETS HAVE DROPPED THEIR

EXCLUSION OF CURRENT TESTING PRACTICE.

4. ONLY REMAINING BRACKETED PART OF XVI.3 WOULD BE US PROPOSED THIRD SENTENCE CALLING FOR "BEST EFFORTS" TO AVOID UNINTENTIONALLY IMPEDING VERIFICATION. SUBJECT TO WASHINGTON COMMENT, DELEGATION PROPOSES FOR "BEST EFFORTS" SENTENCE TO SUBSTITUTE AN ADDITIONAL SUBPARAGRAPH 2(D) IN ARTICWE XVII WHICH WOULD READ:

"(D) CONSIDER QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE USE OF MEASURES WHICH UNINTENTIONALLY IMPEDE VERIFICATION BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT;"KLOSSON

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